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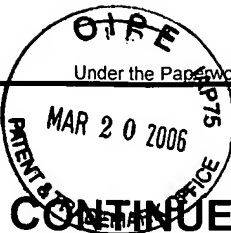
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REQUEST
FORCONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
TRANSMITTALSubsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000,
provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application
filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number	10/088,366
Filing Date	July 11, 2002
First Named Inventor	Udo PURSCHE
Group Art Unit	2816
Examiner Name	A. LUU
Attorney Docket Number	P/63002

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

a. ☒ Previously submitted

- i. ☒ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on January 20, 2006.
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- iii. ☐ Other _____

b. ☒ Enclosed

- i. ☐ Amendment/Reply 03/22/2006 CNGUYEN2 00000028 10088366
- ii. ☒ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) 01 FC:1801 790.00 OP
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) 03/22/2006 CNGUYEN2 00000028 10088366
- iv. ☐ Other 02 FC:1253 900.00 OP

2. Miscellaneous

a. ☒ SEE ATTACHED MEMOb. ☒ Other Petition is hereby made for a two-month extension of the period to respond to the outstanding Official Action to March 20, 2006. A check in the amount of \$900.00, which is the difference between the one-month extension already paid and the three-month extension, as the Petition fee, is enclosed herewith.

3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 (e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 11-1145
- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 (e)
- ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
- iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☒ Check in the amount of \$1,690.00 enclosed
- c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

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